

4717.1850 DEPTH OF POOL WATER.

Subpart 1. **General.** The minimum depth of water in a public pool must be three feet. The maximum depth at the shallow end of the pool must not exceed three feet six inches.

Subp. 2. **Exceptions.** The requirements in subpart 1 do not apply to special purpose pools, wading pools, and pools used for supervised competition.

A. A wading pool must have a maximum depth of no more than 24 inches.

B. A pool with a zero depth area may be approved by the commissioner if:

(1) a lifeguard is present at the zero depth area at all times the pool is in use;

and

(2) there is an effective barrier, such as stanchions and ropes to restrict access from the deck of the pool to the area where the water depth is less than three feet, except on the side of zero depth. The barrier must permit easy removal for emergency access or maintenance.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 144.05; 144.12; 144.123; 145A.02; 157.01*

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